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Please see page 3 for additional information reflecting the effects of both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the business and household surveys in Louisiana.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment for Louisiana was estimated to be 1,770,100 for June 2006. This figure represents an increase over the month of 2,000 jobs, while reflecting a decline over the year of 175,200 jobs. The largest net change over the month was in educational and health care services, while the same sector showed the largest net loss over the year.

Over the month, seven sectors gained employment. Educational and health services led the increase by gaining 2,200 positions. Financial activities gained 1,100, while manufacturing showed an increase of 1,000. Other services; trade, transportation, and utilities; natural resources and mining; professional and business services all had gains of 500 jobs or less.

Over the year, educational and health care services declined by 44,500 jobs. The leisure and hospitality sector lost 42,000 jobs. Other declines were seen in trade, transportation, and utilities, 18,500; professional and business services, 18,400; other services, 13,500; construction, 13,300; government, 12,400; manufacturing, 9,200; financial activities, 3,400; and information, 1,700. The only sector to show an increase in jobs over the year was natural resources and mining, which gained 1,700 from last June.

The June preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Louisiana was 4.6 percent, a decrease from the May rate of 5.2 percent. The national unemployment rate for June remained the same as the May rate of 4.6 percent. Total unemployment in the state for June was 86,331. The state civilian labor force decreased to 1,871,236, with an increase in total employment to 1,784,905.

Economic Indicators

Seasonally Adjusted	Preliminary JUNE 2006	
Civilian Labor Force	United States	Louisiana
Labor Force	151,321,000	1,871,236
Employed	144,363,000	1,784,905
Unemployed	6,957,000	86,331
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.6

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	JUNE 2006 United States	JUNE 2006 Louisiana
Total Nonfarm	135,230,000	1,770,100
Nat. Resources and Mining	675,000	48,100
Construction	7,505,000	107,200
Manufacturing	14,251,000	145,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,050,000	364,300
Information	3,060,000	27,400
Financial Activities	8,320,000	96,100
Professional and Business Services	17,281,000	171,700
Educational and Health Services	17,708,000	214,100
Leisure and Hospitality	13,009,000	170,900
Other Services	5,404,000	58,000
Government	21,967,000	367,300

Average Hours & Earnings		
	(Not Seasonally Adjusted)	
Natural Resources & Mining	JUNE 2006 United States	JUNE 2006 Louisiana
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 915.25	\$ 902.40
Average Weekly Hours	45.9	40.0
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 19.94	\$ 22.56
Manufacturing		
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 694.69	\$ 770.32
Average Weekly Hours	41.4	45.5
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 16.78	\$ 16.93

Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities		
Claims	JUNE 2006	
Initial New & Renewals	13,466	
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only	81,659	
Insured Unemployment Rate	1.1	
Benefits		
Number of First Payment	5,659	
Benefits Paid (000's)	\$	15,419
Weeks Compensated	81,708	
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount	\$	190.34
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)	14.5	
Exhaustions	3,132	

United States Consumer Price Index	
	JUNE 2006
All Urban Consumers	202.9

The civilian labor force and nonfarm **estimates** are prepared according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology and are comparable with the U.S. and other states' data. For more information, go to page 14.

Economic Comparison

Seasonally Adjusted	Preliminary JUNE 2006		Revised Preliminary MAY 2006		Revised JUNE 2005	
Civilian Labor Force	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana
Labor Force	151,321,000	1,871,236	150,991,000	1,876,778	149,243,000	2,117,381
Employed	144,363,000	1,784,905	143,976,000	1,778,303	141,750,000	2,000,359
Unemployed	6,957,000	86,331	7,015,000	98,475	7,493,000	117,022
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.6	4.6	5.2	5.0	5.5

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	JUNE 2006 United States	JUNE 2006 Louisiana	MAY 2006 United States	MAY 2006 Revised Louisiana	JUNE 2005 United States	JUNE 2005 Louisiana
Total Nonfarm	135,230,000	1,770,100	135,109,000	1,768,100	133,376,000	1,945,300
Nat. Resources and Mining	675,000	48,100	671,000	47,700	623,000	46,400
Construction	7,505,000	107,200	7,509,000	107,600	7,277,000	120,500
Manufacturing	14,251,000	145,000	14,236,000	144,000	14,233,000	154,200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,050,000	364,300	26,038,000	363,800	25,908,000	382,800
Information	3,060,000	27,400	3,061,000	27,900	3,062,000	29,100
Financial Activities	8,320,000	96,100	8,317,000	95,000	8,114,000	99,500
Professional and Business Services	17,281,000	171,700	17,256,000	171,400	16,844,000	190,100
Educational and Health Services	17,708,000	214,100	17,682,000	211,900	17,333,000	258,600
Leisure and Hospitality	13,009,000	170,900	12,993,000	172,300	12,802,000	212,900
Other Services	5,404,000	58,000	5,410,000	57,500	5,394,000	71,500
Government	21,967,000	367,300	21,936,000	369,000	21,786,000	379,700

Average Hours & Earnings

Natural Resources & Mining	United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Louisiana (Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
	JUNE 2006	MAY 2006	JUNE 2005	JUNE 2006	MAY 2006	JUNE 2005
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 915.25	\$ 893.88	\$ 848.65	\$902.40	\$944.79	\$953.15
Average Weekly Hours	45.9	45.1	45.7	40.0	40.9	46.7
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 19.94	\$ 19.82	\$ 18.57	\$22.56	\$23.10	\$20.41
Manufacturing						
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 694.69	\$ 690.51	\$ 669.06	\$770.32	\$754.73	\$748.14
Average Weekly Hours	41.4	41.2	40.5	45.5	43.5	42.8
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 16.78	\$ 16.76	\$ 16.52	\$16.93	\$17.35	\$17.48

Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities

Claims	JUNE 2006	MAY 2006	JUNE 2005	% Change From	
				MAY 2006	JUNE 2005
Initial New & Renewals	13,466	11,549	15,409	16.6	-12.6
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only	81,659	89,242	110,520	-8.5	-26.1
Insured Unemployment Rate*	1.1	1.5	1.5	-22.1	-22.6
Benefits					
Number of First Payment	5,659	4,821	7,790	17.4	-27.4
Benefits Paid (000's)	\$ 15,419	\$ 18,284	\$ 17,940	-15.7	-14.1
Weeks Compensated	81,708	98,306	94,772	-16.9	-13.8
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount	\$ 190.34	\$ 187.61	\$ 191.61	1.5	-0.7
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)	14.5	20.4	12.2	-28.9	19.1
Exhaustions	3,132	4,033	2,483	-22.3	26.1

* Insured unemployment rate is for the week including the 12th of the month.

United States Consumer Price Index

	JUNE 2006	% Change From:		MAY 2006	% Change From:	
	Index	Prior Month	Prior Year	Index	Prior Month	Prior Year
All Urban Consumers	202.9	+ 0.2	+4.3	202.5	+ 0.5	+4.2

Not Seasonally Adjusted State and Area Employment

The Louisiana Department of Labor, in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), continues to closely monitor the economic impact of the recent hurricanes on the business and household surveys in the affected parishes. In producing the post-hurricane estimates, BLS announced that a number of modifications were made to standard estimating procedures to better reflect the employment part the civilian labor force estimates. For a detailed explanation of the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on all of the BLS program's methodology, please go to <http://stats.bls.gov/katrina/cpscesquestions.htm>.

The total nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted) for Louisiana for June 2006 was 1,775,400. Over the month, employment increased by 1,600. Goods producing gained 1,900 jobs, while service providing lost 300 jobs. When compared to this same time last year, the employment level still has not rebounded from the natural disasters of 2005.

Total nonfarm employment in the Alexandria MSA for June was 65,700. A slight gain of 100 was seen over the month, while a substantial gain of 2,800 was seen from one year ago. Over the month, the service providing supersector was responsible for the increase. However, over the year both goods producing and service providing employment expanded.

The total nonfarm employment for the Baton Rouge MSA for June 2006 was 364,800. Employment in the MSA expanded by 700 over the month and by 14,400 over the year. Goods producing increased 400 and service providing increased 300 from May. Over the year, goods producing employment rose by 4,500 jobs and service providing rose by 9,900 jobs.

Total nonfarm employment for the Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux MSA was 86,900 for June. This figure represents increases of 500 from last month and 200 from last year. Goods producing edged up 400, while service providing experienced a minimal gain of 100 over the month. The over-the-year increase occurred as the result of a 900-job gain in goods producing being offset by a 700-job loss in service providing employment.

Total nonfarm employment for the Lafayette MSA was 141,000 for June. The MSA experienced contraction in employment of 400 from May, but expanded 4,600 jobs since June 2005. The decline over the month was solely in the service providing supersector. The over-the-year growth was seen in both goods producing and service providing employment.

Total nonfarm employment for the Lake Charles MSA was 91,700 in June. This figure represents a slight increase from May 2006, but a decrease of 400 workers from June 2005. Over the month, goods producing declined 300, while service providing gained 500 jobs. Over the 12-month period, goods producing rose 2,400 and service providing dropped 2,800 nonfarm jobs.

The Monroe MSA had a total nonfarm employment estimate of 79,700 for June. When compared to the previous month, employment decreased 200. The drop occurred solely in the service providing supersector. In comparison to June of the previous year, there was a gain of 1,300 positions. Again, service providing employment was entirely responsible for this growth.

The total nonfarm employment for the New Orleans MSA for June was 435,200, representing an increase of 5,200 from May and a decrease of 183,800 from June of last year. Service providing employment was up 4,900 and goods producing employment was up 300 over the 30-day period. The year-ago drop was indicative of the fact that the area has not rebounded from the devastation that occurred in August 2005. Both supersectors showed drastic decreases over the year.

Total nonfarm employment in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA for June was estimated to be 179,800. Employment grew from the prior month and prior year by 300 and 4,900, respectively. The goods producing supersector accounted for the positive movement from one month ago. The two supersectors collectively produced the expansion in employment from one year ago.

Key to Graphs

The following graphs have been designed to reflect the over-the-year trends in the statistical data. Below are the most frequently used abbreviations.

OTM refers to the over-the-month change in employment

OTY refers to the over-the-year change in employment

SA refers to seasonally adjusted estimates

NSA refers to not seasonally adjusted estimates

Graphs for statewide reflect seasonally adjusted (SA) estimates compared to not seasonally adjusted (NSA) data.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) graphs denote nonfarm employment levels compared to a three year red trend line of the estimated employment. The gold lines in these graphs are the over-the-month changes for each year.

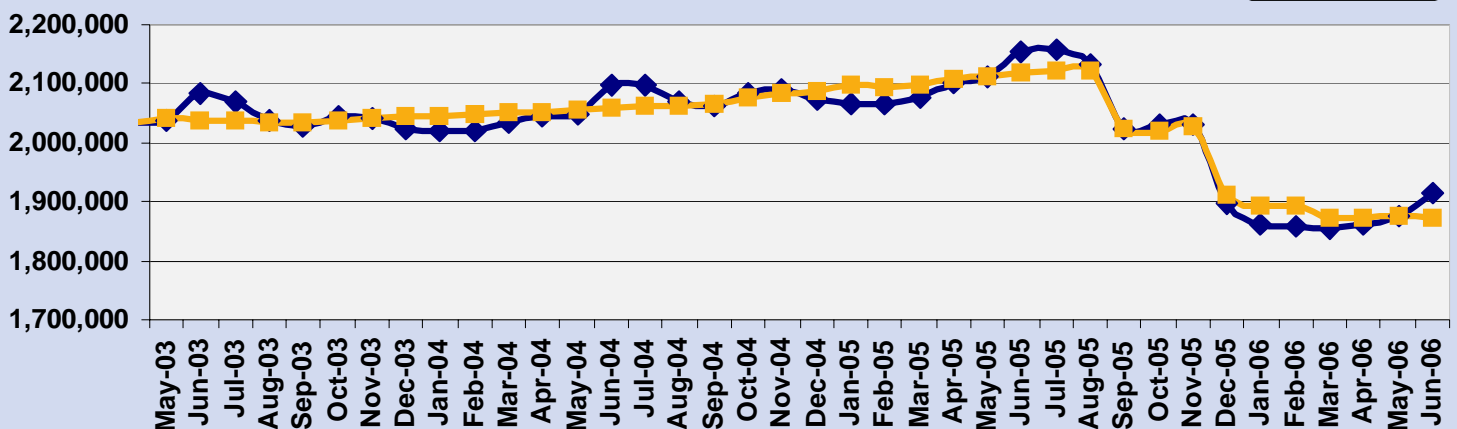
June 2006

Louisiana Civilian Labor Force

SA
1,871,236
OTM: -5,542
OTY: -246,145

NSA
1,913,900
OTM: 38,903
OTY: -239,078

NSA SA



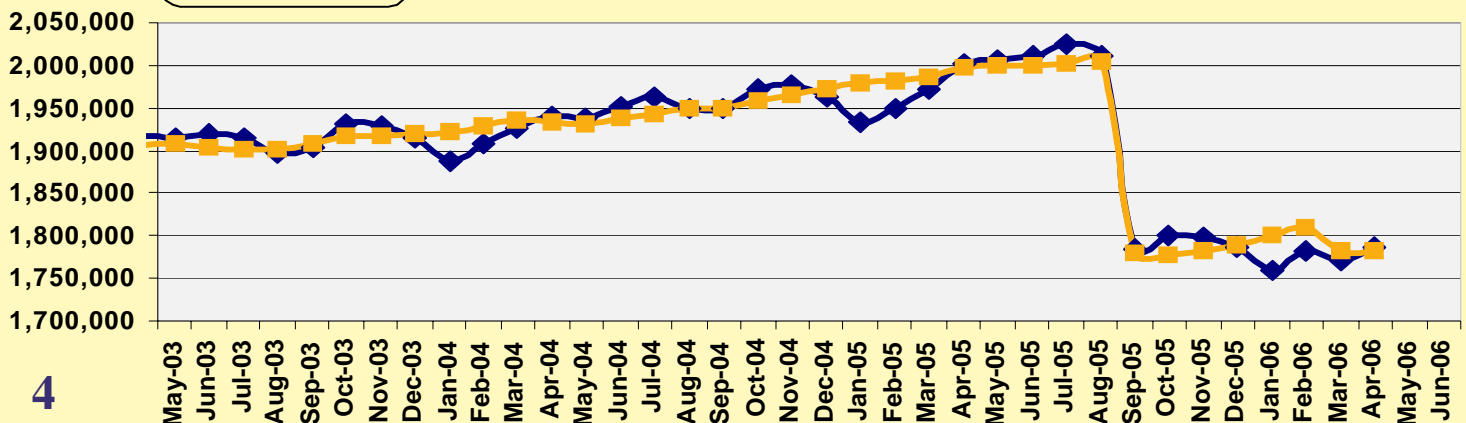
June 2006

Louisiana Civilian Labor Force Employment

SA
1,784,905
OTM: 6,602
OTY: -215,454

NSA
1,802,977
OTM: -18,461
OTY: -208,350

NSA SA

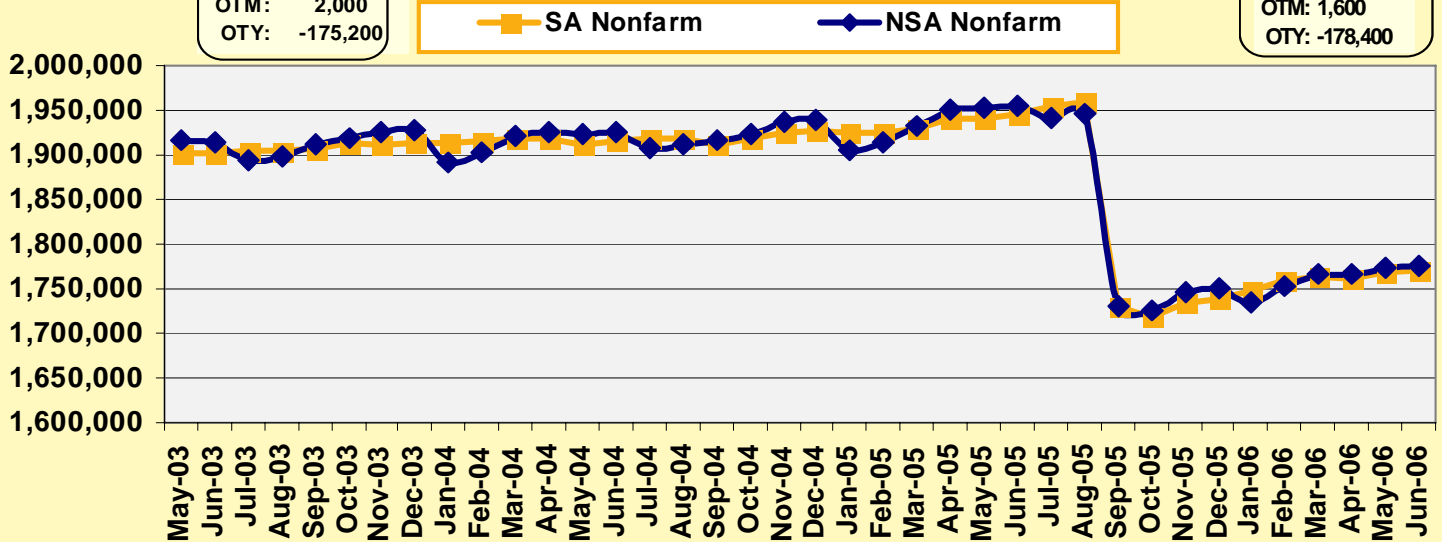


June 2006

Louisiana Nonfarm Employment

SA
1,770,100
OTM: 2,000
OTY: -175,200

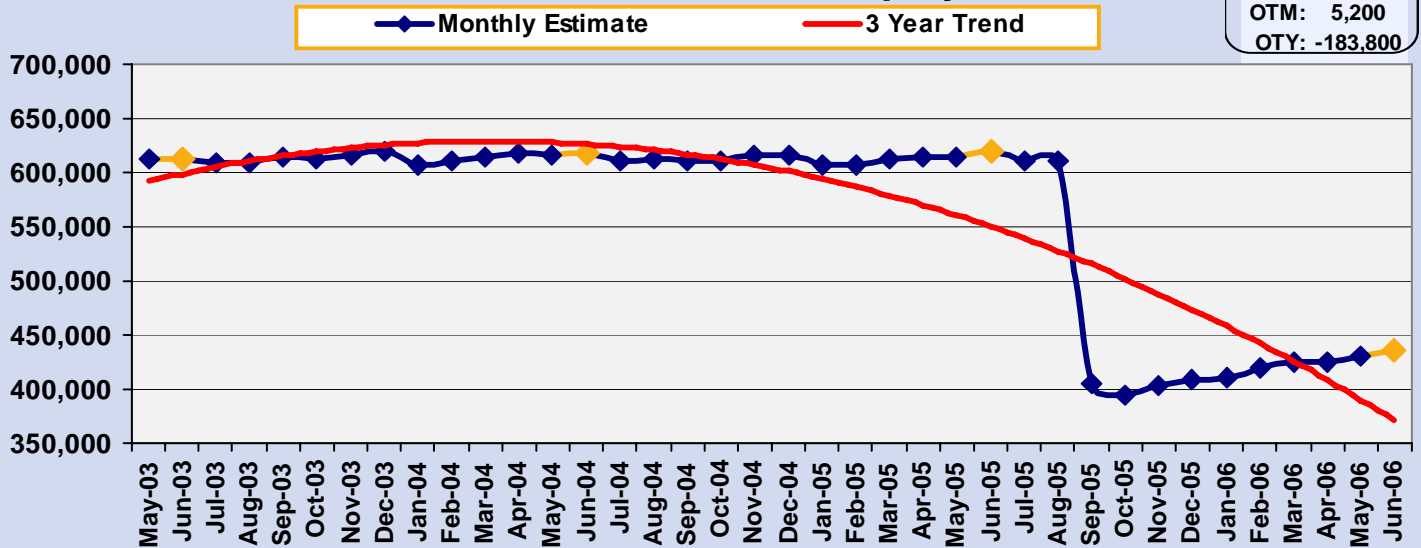
NSA
1,775,400
OTM: 1,600
OTY: -178,400



June 2006

New Orleans Nonfarm Employment

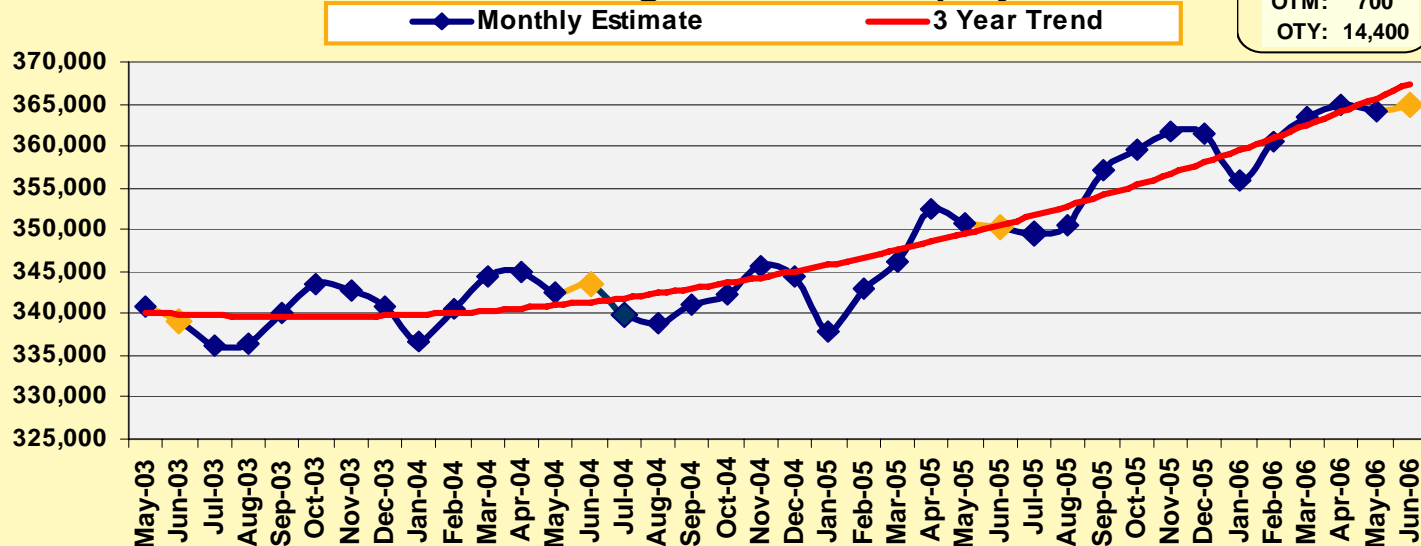
NSA
435,200
OTM: 5,200
OTY: -183,800



June 2006

Baton Rouge Nonfarm Employment

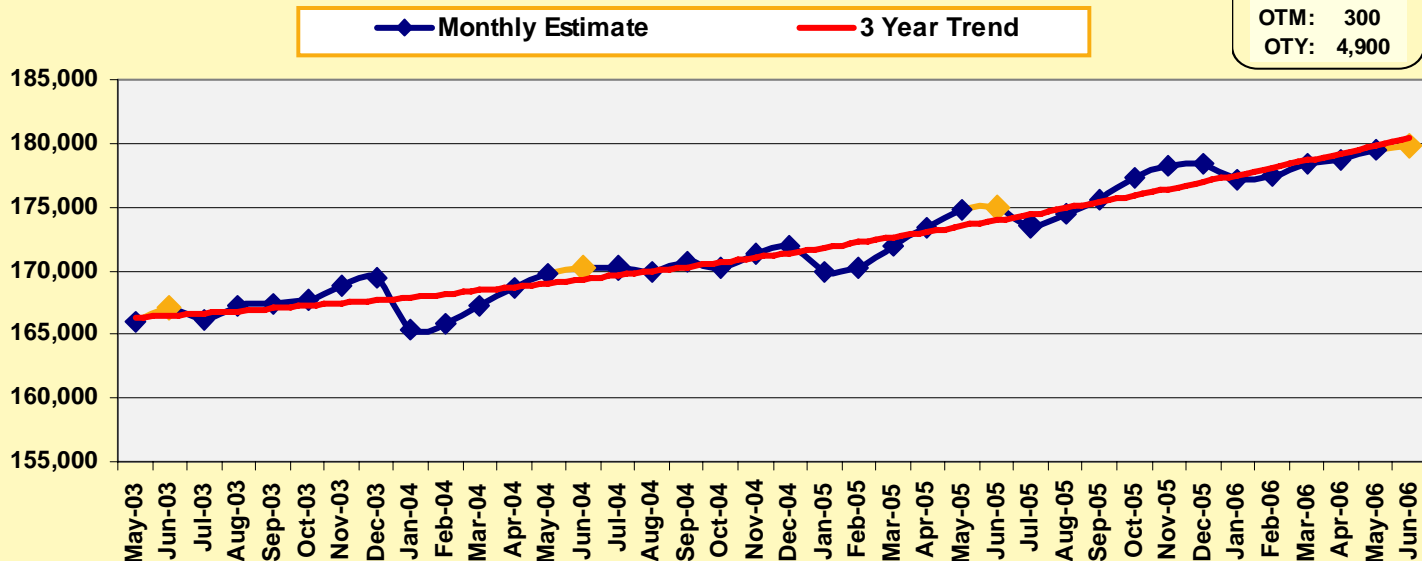
NSA
364,800
OTM: 700
OTY: 14,400



June 2006

Shreveport Nonfarm Employment

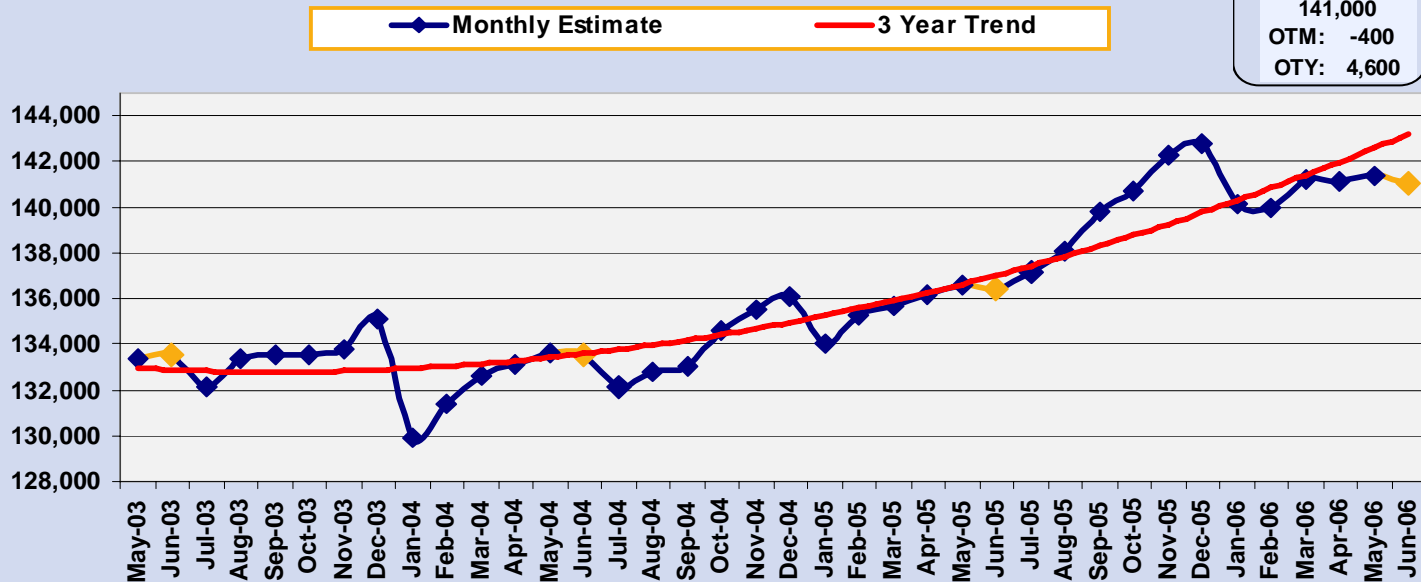
NSA
179,800
OTM: 300
OTY: 4,900



June 2006

Lafayette Nonfarm Employment

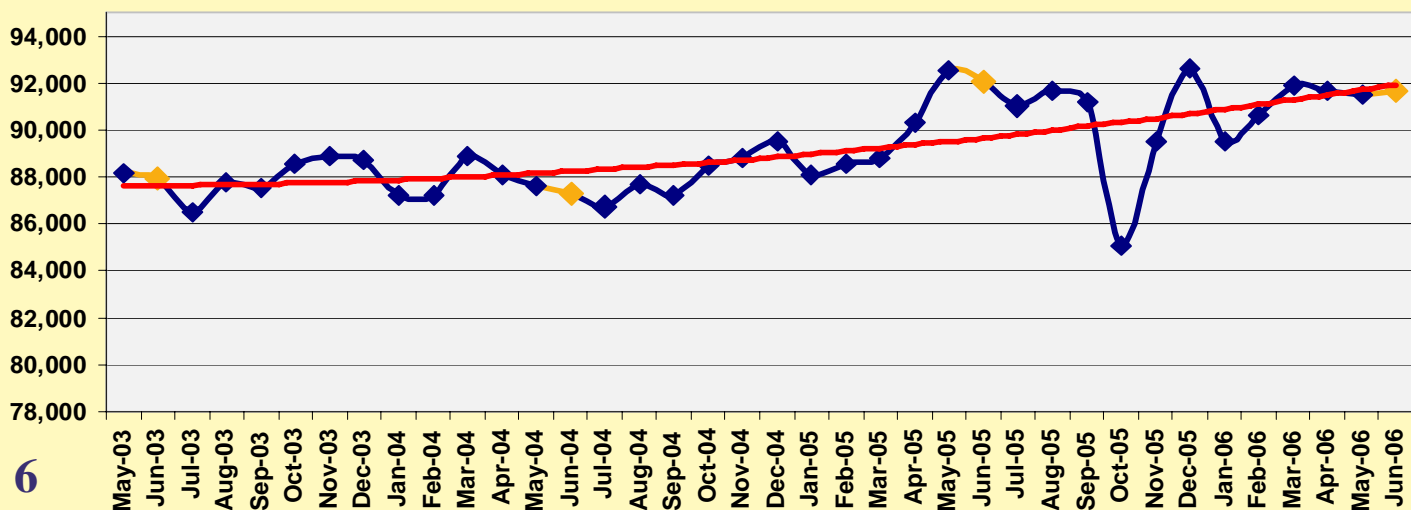
NSA
141,000
OTM: -400
OTY: 4,600



June 2006

Lake Charles Nonfarm Employment

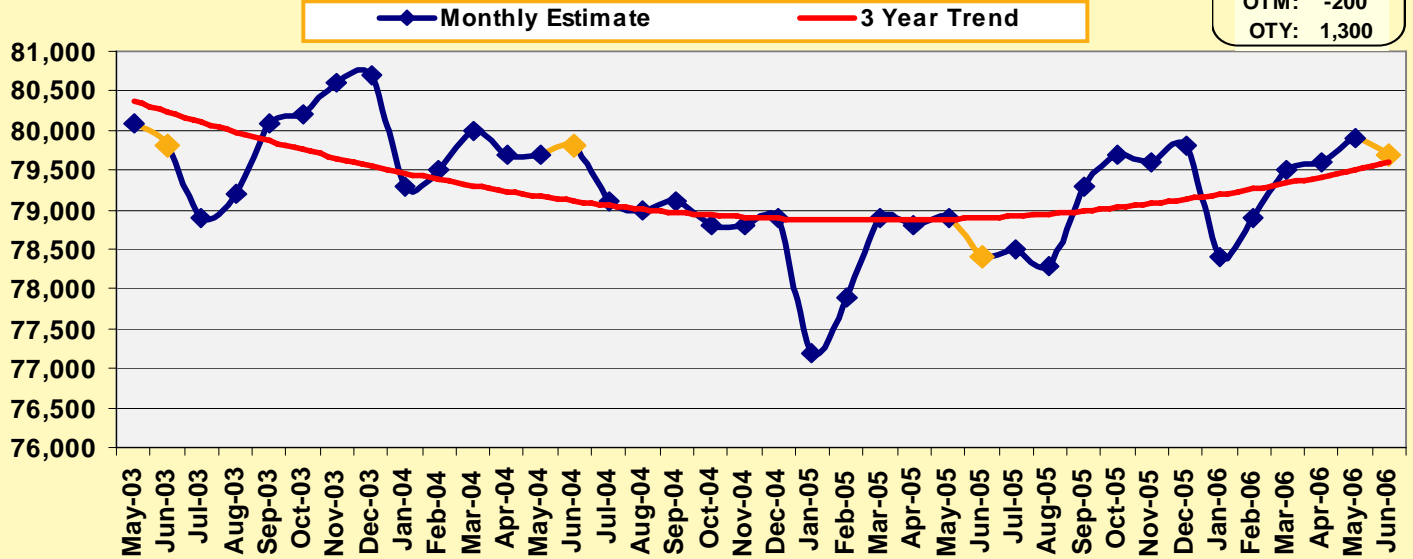
NSA
91,700
OTM: 200
OTY: -400



June 2006

Monroe Nonfarm Employment

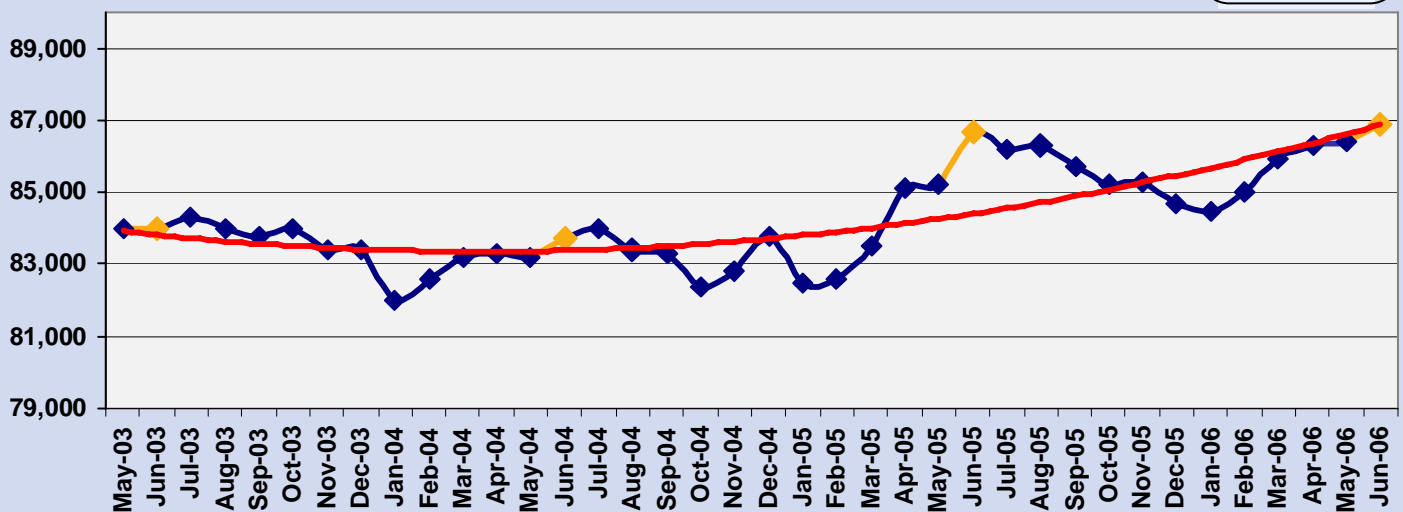
NSA
79,700
OTM: -200
OTY: 1,300



June 2006

Houma Nonfarm Employment

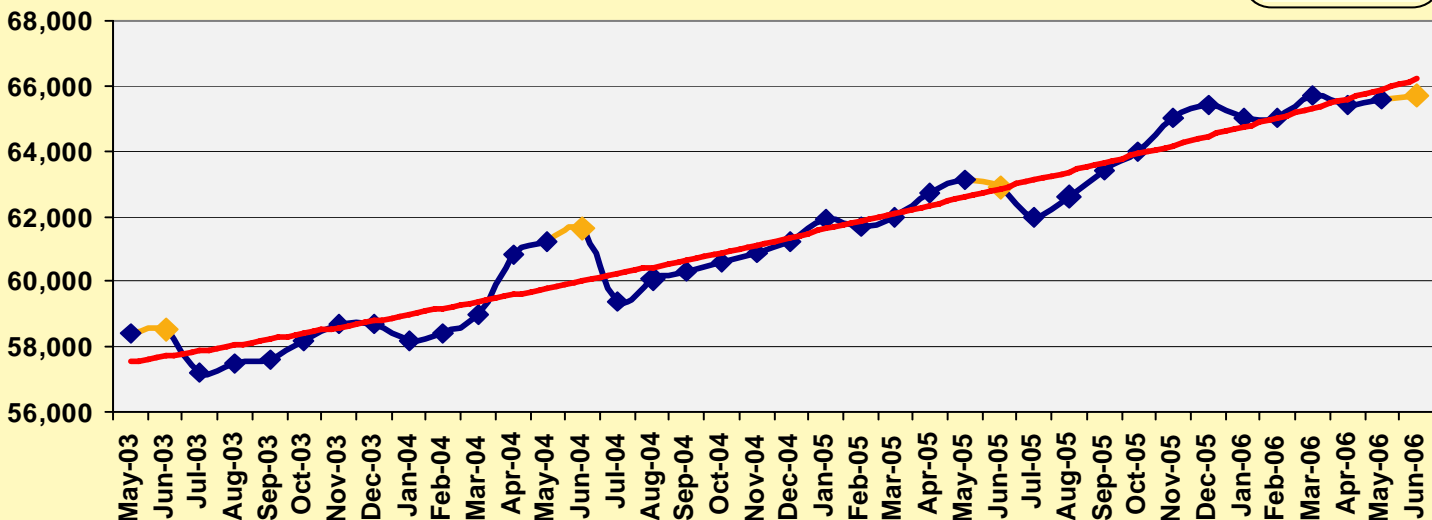
NSA
86,900
OTM: 500
OTY: 200



June 2006

Alexandria Nonfarm Employment

NSA
65,700
OTM: 100
OTY: 2,800



Not Seasonally Adjusted	LOUISIANA			NEW ORLEANS-METairie-Kenner MSA			BATON ROUGE MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	JUNE	MAY	JUNE	JUNE	MAY	JUNE	JUNE	MAY	JUNE
	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
Total Nonfarm	1,775,400	1,773,800	1,953,800	435,200	430,000	619,000	364,800	364,100	350,400
Total Private	1,407,600	1,402,100	1,573,900	343,600	339,200	514,100	289,100	288,400	276,900
Goods Producing	301,500	299,600	323,700	57,900	57,600	77,400	68,800	68,400	64,300
Natural Resources & Mining	48,100	47,700	46,400						
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction				29,900	29,700	38,500	42,400	41,900	38,500
Mining	45,000	44,500	43,100	10,300	10,000	8,600			
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,200	8,100	8,200	3,400	3,300	3,600			
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction	8,100	8,100	8,100						
Support Activities for Mining	35,400	35,000	33,400						
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells	7,900	7,800	8,000						
Construction	107,700	107,700	121,800	19,300	19,400	30,000	40,500	40,100	36,900
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction									
Construction of Buildings	25,100	25,100	24,700				9,400	9,400	8,600
Residential Building Construction	7,900	7,900	7,700						
Nonresidential Building Construction	17,200	17,200	17,000				7,800	7,900	7,500
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	33,000	33,600	35,800	5,900	6,100	7,300	13,700	13,800	12,700
Utility System Construction	19,500	20,100	19,100						
Specialty Trade Contractors	49,600	49,000	61,300	9,700	9,600	16,800	17,400	16,900	15,600
Manufacturing	145,700	144,200	155,500	28,000	27,900	38,900	26,400	26,500	25,800
Durable Goods	76,800	75,900	80,500	14,900	14,800	20,900			
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	22,800	22,200	24,200	10,100	10,100	11,900			
Ship & Boat Building	14,000	13,800	15,400	7,800	7,900	9,600			
Nondurable Goods	68,900	68,300	75,000	13,100	13,100	18,000	17,900	18,000	17,700
Food Manufacturing	14,800	14,500	18,000						
Paper Manufacturing	9,300	9,300	9,900						
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing	10,500	10,500	10,300	3,300	3,200	3,300			
Chemical Manufacturing	22,300	22,400	23,400	5,000	4,800	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	11,600	11,700	12,500				5,400	5,400	5,500
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments							3,200	3,200	3,200
Service Providing	1,473,900	1,474,200	1,630,100	377,300	372,400	541,600	296,000	295,700	286,100
Private Service Providing	1,106,100	1,102,500	1,250,200	285,700	281,600	436,700	220,300	220,000	212,600
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	364,000	363,700	384,300	90,700	90,000	124,000	65,700	66,200	63,700
Wholesale Trade	73,000	72,500	75,500	20,300	20,200	26,000	13,100	13,200	12,800
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	34,900	35,000	38,300	8,300	8,200	12,500			
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	27,800	27,600	27,900	9,700	9,600	9,700			
Retail Trade	211,200	212,100	226,700	43,600	43,800	68,500	38,600	39,000	38,200
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise									
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	25,300	25,000	28,800						
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers	21,400	21,200	19,300						
Food & Beverage Stores	31,700	31,500	41,000	4,000	3,900	12,900	6,400	6,300	6,400
Grocery Stores	30,400	30,200	34,800	3,800	3,700	10,500	6,000	5,900	5,500
Health & Personal Care Stores	13,500	13,400	14,700	3,500	3,500	5,300			
Gasoline Stations	17,400	17,100	18,800						
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	14,900	14,900	19,100						
General Merchandise Stores	47,800	49,000	50,800	7,300	6,800	14,300	8,800	9,100	8,500
Department Stores	14,800	15,100	16,500				2,600	2,700	2,600
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	79,800	79,100	82,100	26,800	26,000	29,500	14,000	14,000	12,700
Utilities	8,600	8,600	9,600	2,700	2,700	2,800			
Transportation and Warehousing	71,200	70,500	72,500	24,100	23,300	26,700			
Truck Transportation	14,500	14,200	18,800						
Support Activities for Transportation	20,300	20,000	20,800						
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	27,700	28,000	29,600	7,600	7,600	9,800	5,600	5,700	5,500
Telecommunications	11,600	11,600	12,800						
Financial Activities	96,100	94,600	99,700	25,400	24,600	33,200	19,100	18,900	18,200
Finance & Insurance	60,900	59,500	64,600	11,300	10,900	21,100	13,500	13,300	13,000
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	35,000	34,000	34,700	8,100	7,700	10,500			
Depository Credit Intermediation	23,500	22,700	23,700	5,400	5,200	7,600	4,600	4,500	4,000
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	23,000	22,600	25,300						
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	35,200	35,100	35,100						
Professional & Business Services	171,900	170,800	191,000	47,300	45,700	75,100	40,200	40,000	38,300
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	60,500	60,000	73,700	15,000	14,500	28,300	16,800	16,900	15,400
Legal Services	14,200	13,800	20,600	5,900	5,800	9,300			
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	7,400	7,600	8,900						
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	20,700	20,400	19,600						
Management of Companies & Enterprises	22,300	22,100	22,400	6,800	6,600	8,700			
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	89,100	88,700	94,900	25,500	24,600	38,100	19,700	19,800	18,900
Administrative & Support Services	83,500	83,200	88,500	23,200	22,300	36,100			
Employment Services	37,600	37,700	35,700	8,800	8,600	14,600			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	14,700	14,900	20,400						
Educational & Health Services	212,100	212,400	255,000	46,500	45,700	83,200	41,600	41,400	40,400
Educational Services	26,200	28,200	34,600	10,200	10,200	20,200			
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools	15,900	17,900	22,500	7,200	7,200	10,900			
Health Care & Social Assistance	185,900	184,200	220,400	36,300	35,500	63,000	36,300	36,000	34,700
Ambulatory Health Care Services	70,800	70,800	76,800	12,300	12,300	22,200	14,900	14,900	13,500
Offices of Physicians	27,200	27,300	31,500						
Home Health Care Services	15,500	15,400	15,600						
Hospitals	56,800	55,900	66,300	17,700	17,200	21,200	11,500	11,400	10,500
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	51,400	50,700	55,800						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	34,300	34,000	44,900						
Nursing Care Facilities	25,100	24,800	28,600						
Social Assistance	24,000	23,500	32,400						
Leisure & Hospitality	175,400	174,900	218,200	58,200	58,300	88,800	33,600	33,300	32,400
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	30,200	29,800	39,300	6,300	6,300	15,100			
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	26,100	25,700	33,500	5,000	4,900	11,600			
Gambling Industries	15,200	14,900	19,600	2,800	2,700	6,000			
Casinos (except Casino hotels)	14,400	14,100	17,700						
Accommodation & Food Services	145,200	145,100	178,900	51,900	52,000	73,700	28,400	28,400	27,100
Accommodation	15,300	15,000	29,700	12,700	12,200	16,200			
Food Services & Drinking Places	129,900	130,100	149,200	39,200	39,800	57,500	25,700	25,700	24,500
Other Services	58,900	58,100	72,400	10,000	9,700	22,600	14,500	14,500	14,100
Repair & Maintenance	18,100	18,000	20,800						
Automotive Repair & Maintenance	10,200	9,900	11,800						
Personal & Laundry Services	14,800	14,600	18,200						
Government	367,800	371,700	379,900	91,600	90,800	104,900	75,700	75,700	73,500
Federal Government	33,000	32,900	34,200	12,900	13,000	15,700	3,900	3,800	2,600
State Government	110,800	116,400	115,000	24,500	24,300	25,700	39,200	39,600	39,600
Local Government	224,000	222,400	230,700	54,200	53,500	63,500	32,600	32,300	31,300

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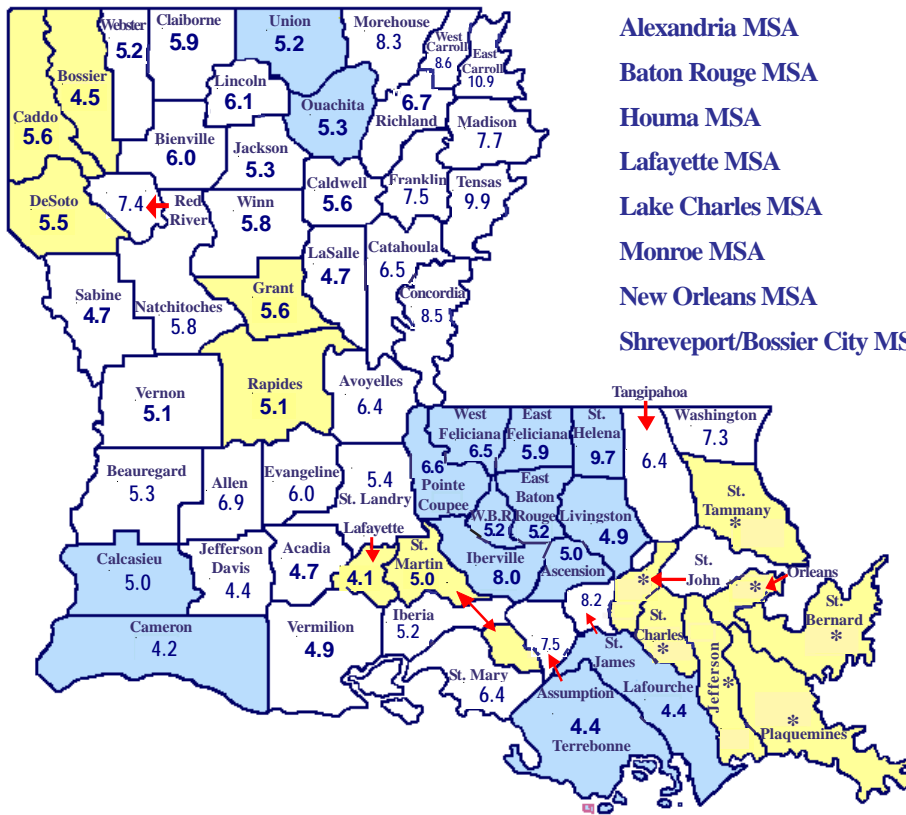
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	SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA			LAFAYETTE MSA			LAKE CHARLES MSA		
	PREL JUNE 2006	REV MAY 2006	REV JUNE 2005	PREL JUNE 2006	REV MAY 2006	REV JUNE 2005	PREL JUNE 2006	REV MAY 2006	REV JUNE 2005
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>									
Total Nonfarm	179,800	179,500	174,900	141,000	141,400	136,400	91,700	91,500	92,100
Total Private	145,700	144,900	141,500	125,200	124,700	121,200	76,900	76,700	76,800
Goods Producing	28,100	27,700	27,100	30,000	29,600	28,800	22,000	22,300	19,600
Natural Resources & Mining									
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction	13,600	13,300	12,300	21,500	21,200	20,100	13,400	13,600	10,500
Mining				15,000	14,400	13,500			
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				13,500	13,100	12,400			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction	9,900	9,700	8,700						
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction							5,600	5,600	5,700
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction							4,600	4,600	4,600
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors									
Manufacturing	14,500	14,400	14,800	8,500	8,400	8,700	8,600	8,700	9,100
Durable Goods									
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	3,900	3,700	4,500						
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods							7,000	7,100	7,400
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.							6,400	6,500	6,800
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing							4,000	4,000	4,300
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artific. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service Providing	151,700	151,800	147,800	111,000	111,800	107,600	69,700	69,200	72,500
Private Service Providing	117,600	117,200	114,400	95,200	95,100	92,400	54,900	54,400	57,200
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	34,100	33,800	33,500	28,300	28,400	27,700	17,100	17,300	17,500
Wholesale Trade	7,200	7,100	7,000	6,800	6,800	6,500			
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	20,200	20,100	20,000	17,100	17,200	17,000	10,000	10,200	10,700
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise							3,500	3,500	3,600
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores	4,300	4,400	4,100	3,000	3,100	3,100			
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6,700	6,600	6,500	4,400	4,400	4,200			
Utilities									
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation									
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,300	3,300	3,300			
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities	7,600	7,500	7,300	8,900	8,800	8,300			
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	17,400	17,300	15,100	14,800	14,800	14,200	7,300	7,400	6,900
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services				6,800	6,600	6,700			
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	8,400	8,600	8,000	5,500	5,500	5,200			
Administrative & Support Services									
Employment Services									
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	23,300	23,600	23,300	20,900	20,800	20,400			
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance	22,400	22,600	22,300	19,500	19,500	18,700			
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	8,300	8,300	8,600	5,500	5,500	5,300	3,200	3,100	3,400
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	6,600	6,600	7,000						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	24,500	24,400	24,400	14,300	14,300	13,900	11,800	11,500	14,100
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	10,200	10,000	10,000						
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	9,700	9,500	9,700						
Gambling Industries	8,200	8,100	8,400						
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services	14,300	14,400	14,400	13,200	13,200	12,300	10,600	10,400	11,000
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places	13,300	13,300	13,200	12,200	12,300	11,300			
Other Services	7,800	7,700	7,900	4,700	4,700	4,600			
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	34,100	34,600	33,400	15,800	16,700	15,200	14,800	14,800	15,300
Federal Government	4,600	4,600	4,700	1,100	1,100	1,100	600	600	700
State Government	10,600	10,700	10,000	4,400	5,200	4,300	4,000	4,100	4,000
Local Government	18,900	19,300	18,700	10,300	10,400	9,800	10,200	10,100	10,600

	MONROE MSA			HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- THIBODAUX MSA			ALEXANDRIA MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>	JUNE	MAY	JUNE	JUNE	MAY	JUNE	JUNE	MAY	JUNE
	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
Total Nonfarm	79,700	79,900	78,400	86,900	86,400	86,700	65,700	65,600	62,900
Total Private	65,300	65,200	64,600	72,900	72,000	71,900	50,400	50,100	47,600
Goods Producing	12,500	12,500	12,700	19,700	19,300	18,800	9,000	9,100	8,600
Natural Resources & Mining									
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction				14,200	13,900	12,900			
Mining				6,400	6,400	6,100			
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				5,800	5,800	5,400			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction									
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction									
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction									
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors				2,900	2,700	2,500			
Manufacturing	8,600	8,500	9,000						
Durable Goods				7,000	6,800	7,200			
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing									
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,700	6,000						
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing									
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service Providing	67,200	67,400	65,700	67,200	67,100	67,900	56,700	56,500	54,300
Private Service Providing	52,800	52,700	51,900	53,200	52,700	53,100	41,400	41,000	39,000
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	14,700	14,700	14,500	20,600	20,600	20,700	11,400	11,200	11,100
Wholesale Trade									
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	9,900	10,000	9,700	10,000	10,200	10,400	8,000	7,900	7,600
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise	3,500	3,600	3,300						
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores									
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities									
Utilities									
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation				4,400	4,400	4,500			
Support Activities for Water Transportation				4,300	4,300	4,200			
Information									
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities									
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	7,000	7,000	7,300						
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services									
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.									
Administrative & Support Services				4,700	4,500	4,600			
Employment Services				3,600	3,400	3,300			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	13,300	13,400	12,800						
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance	12,600	12,700	12,200						
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	4,300	4,300	4,200				3,900	3,800	3,900
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	3,500	3,500	3,500						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	6,500	6,500	6,900	6,200	6,200	6,900			
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation									
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries									
Gambling Industries									
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services									
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places									
Other Services									
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	14,400	14,700	13,800	14,000	14,400	14,800	15,300	15,500	15,300
Federal Government	600	600	600	400	400	500	2,800	2,800	2,700
State Government	4,700	5,200	4,300	3,000	3,600	3,600	5,300	5,300	5,400
Local Government	9,100	8,900	8,900	10,600	10,400	10,700	7,200	7,400	7,200

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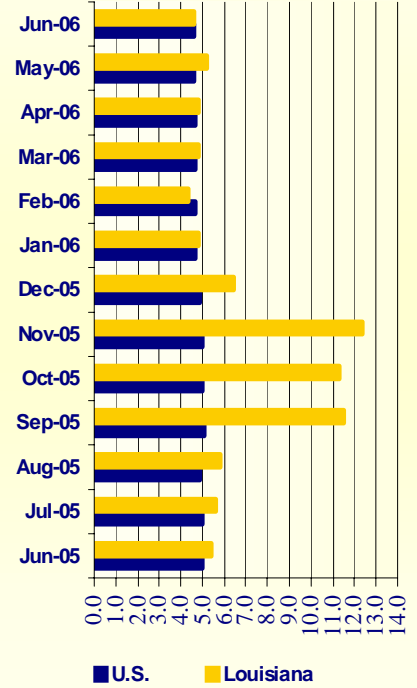


Statewide

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Alexandria MSA	5.2 %
Baton Rouge MSA	5.3 %
Houma MSA	4.4 %
Lafayette MSA	4.2 %
Lake Charles MSA	5.0 %
Monroe MSA	5.3 %
New Orleans MSA	7.2 %
Shreveport/Bossier City MSA	5.3 %

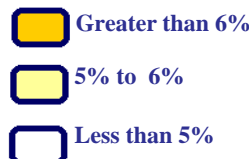
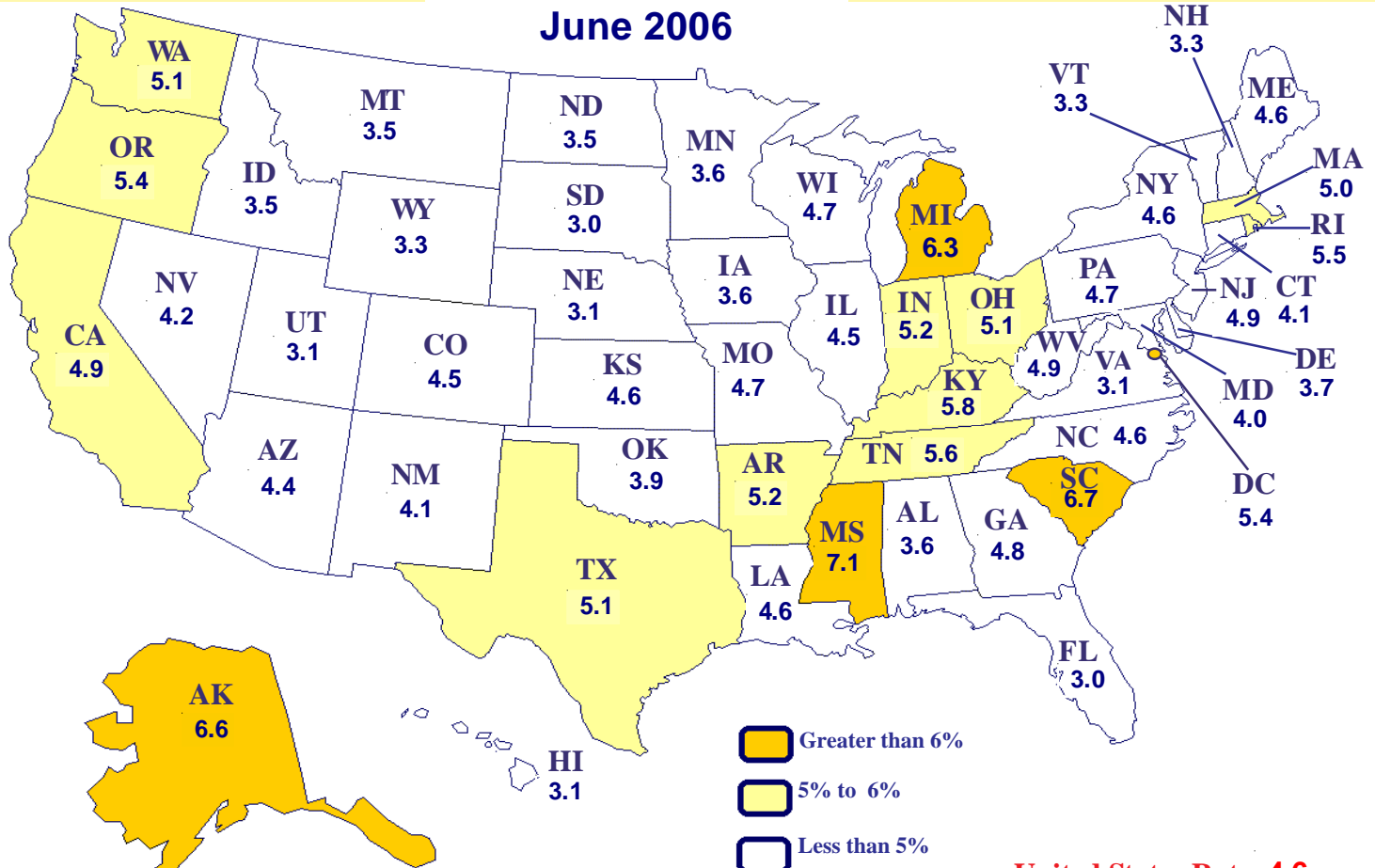
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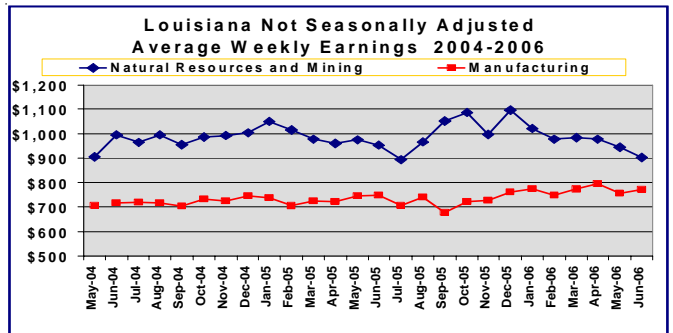
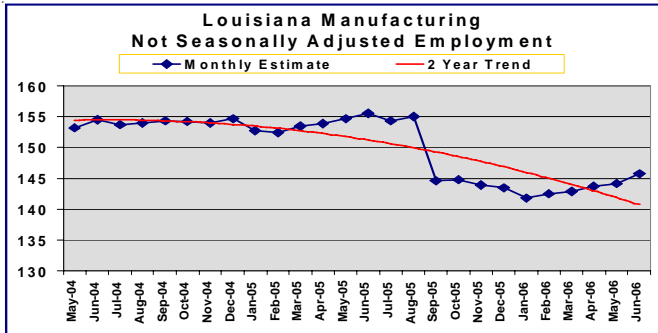
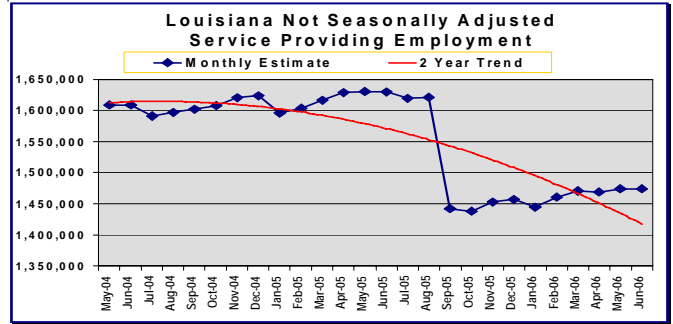


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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	Preliminary June 2006			Preliminary (U.S. data is Revised) May 2006			Revised June 2005		
	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
UNITED STATES	145,216,000	7,341,000	4.8	144,041,000	6,655,000	4.4	142,456,000	7,870,000	5.2
LOUISIANA	1,802,977	110,923	5.8	1,784,516	90,481	4.8	2,011,327	141,651	6.6
ALEXANDRIA MSA	65,023	3,541	5.2	64,366	2,698	4.0	64,163	4,642	6.7
Grant	8,088	481	5.6	8,006	357	4.3	7,981	665	7.7
Rapides	56,935	3,060	5.1	56,360	2,341	4.0	56,182	3,977	6.6
BATON ROUGE MSA	341,015	19,193	5.3	339,329	15,661	4.4	338,206	24,139	6.7
Ascension	42,001	2,195	5.0	41,794	1,895	4.3	41,655	2,616	5.9
East Baton Rouge	202,325	11,001	5.2	201,325	8,987	4.3	200,659	13,871	6.5
East Feliciana	7,831	490	5.9	7,792	396	4.8	7,766	631	7.5
Iberville	11,723	1,014	8.0	11,665	795	6.4	11,626	1,242	9.7
Livingston	49,426	2,556	4.9	49,181	2,069	4.0	49,018	3,159	6.1
Pointe Coupee	9,268	652	6.6	9,222	456	4.7	9,192	947	9.3
St. Helena	3,842	414	9.7	3,823	343	8.2	3,811	515	11.9
West Baton Rouge	10,011	552	5.2	9,961	460	4.4	9,928	727	6.8
West Feliciana	4,588	321	6.5	4,566	260	5.4	4,550	433	8.7
HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- *THIBODAUX MSA	89,621	4,132	4.4	88,531	3,399	3.7	93,198	5,467	5.5
Lafourche	42,525	1,976	4.4	42,008	1,549	3.6	44,223	2,558	5.5
Terrebonne	47,096	2,156	4.4	46,523	1,850	3.8	48,975	2,909	5.6
LAFAYETTE MSA	120,951	5,341	4.2	120,358	4,267	3.4	119,677	6,883	5.4
Lafayette	99,299	4,201	4.1	98,813	3,407	3.3	98,253	5,385	5.2
St. Martin	21,652	1,140	5.0	21,545	860	3.8	21,424	1,498	6.5
LAKE CHARLES MSA	88,460	4,664	5.0	87,715	3,508	3.8	91,073	6,078	6.3
Calcasieu	84,194	4,477	5.0	83,485	3,371	3.9	86,681	5,819	6.3
Cameron	4,266	187	4.2	4,230	137	3.1	4,392	259	5.6
MONROE MSA	77,287	4,344	5.3	76,736	3,482	4.3	77,976	5,813	6.9
Ouachita	67,555	3,808	5.3	67,074	3,023	4.3	68,158	5,081	6.9
Union	9,732	536	5.2	9,662	459	4.5	9,818	732	6.9
NEW ORLEANS-METairie- *KENNER MSA	411,955	32,198	7.2	404,498	27,518	6.4	610,878	39,521	6.1
Jefferson	Household sample data were not available.						225,369	13,656	5.7
New Orleans City/Oreans							194,773	14,969	7.1
Plaquemines							11,485	727	6.0
St. Bernard							30,432	2,034	6.3
St. Charles							23,975	1,506	5.9
St. John Baptist							20,148	1,500	6.9
St. Tammany							104,698	5,129	4.7
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER *CITY MSA	172,191	9,651	5.3	170,329	7,635	4.3	171,386	12,272	6.7
Bossier	48,922	2,315	4.5	48,393	1,848	3.7	48,694	3,033	5.9
Caddo	112,503	6,716	5.6	111,287	5,239	4.5	111,977	8,381	7.0
De Soto	10,766	621	5.5	10,649	547	4.9	10,715	858	7.4
NON-MSA PARISHES									
Acadia (Crowley) ¹	23,735	1,174	4.7	23,432	952	3.9	23,974	1,639	6.4
Allen	8,028	593	6.9	7,722	442	5.4	8,151	844	9.4
Assumption (Pierre Part) ¹	8,938	729	7.5	8,934	576	6.1	9,132	964	9.5
Avoyelles	14,968	1,026	6.4	14,720	793	5.1	14,947	1,400	8.6
Beauregard (DeRidder) ¹	13,196	742	5.3	13,552	592	4.2	13,593	1,019	7.0
Bienville	5,872	375	6.0	5,828	302	4.9	5,915	539	8.4
Caldwell	4,054	240	5.6	4,028	201	4.8	4,088	368	8.3
Catahoula	3,952	274	6.5	3,896	230	5.6	3,966	351	8.1
Claiborne	6,467	402	5.9	6,473	331	4.9	6,527	515	7.3
Concordia (Natchez, MS-LA) ¹	6,594	613	8.5	6,567	477	6.8	6,629	746	10.1
East Carroll	2,497	306	10.9	2,534	269	9.6	2,637	409	13.4
Evangeline	11,362	729	6.0	11,168	550	4.7	11,587	966	7.7
Franklin	7,238	589	7.5	7,024	502	6.7	7,396	766	9.4
Iberia (New Iberia) ¹	30,763	1,685	5.2	30,134	1,308	4.2	30,753	2,293	6.9
Jackson (Ruston) ¹	6,001	334	5.3	6,132	250	3.9	6,105	426	6.5
Jefferson Davis (Jennings) ¹	13,716	630	4.4	13,314	483	3.5	13,798	842	5.8
La Salle	5,695	279	4.7	5,609	211	3.6	5,612	392	6.5
Lincoln (Ruston) ¹	17,207	1,110	6.1	17,584	830	4.5	17,508	1,390	7.4
Madison (Tallulah) ¹	4,256	355	7.7	4,263	304	6.7	4,348	491	10.1
Morehouse (Bastrop) ¹	10,635	958	8.3	10,672	747	6.5	10,953	1,248	10.2
Natchitoches (Natchitoches) ¹	16,727	1,022	5.8	17,103	811	4.5	16,953	1,305	7.1
Red River	2,998	239	7.4	3,005	190	5.9	3,094	337	9.8
Richland	7,879	563	6.7	7,761	440	5.4	8,027	732	8.4
Sabine	8,834	431	4.7	8,911	349	3.8	9,124	625	6.4
St. James	7,894	704	8.2	7,581	571	7.0	8,502	890	9.5
St. Landry (Opelousas, Eunice) ¹	35,531	2,013	5.4	34,398	1,683	4.7	35,181	2,615	6.9
St. Mary (Morgan City) ¹	20,090	1,385	6.4	19,704	1,139	5.5	20,575	2,034	9.0
Tangipahoa (Hammond) ¹	43,704	3,010	6.4	44,076	2,495	5.4	46,704	3,581	7.1
Tensas	1,961	215	9.9	1,941	193	9.0	2,096	235	10.1
Vermilion (Abbeville) ¹	22,540	1,154	4.9	22,233	897	3.9	22,571	1,508	6.3
Vernon (Fort Polk South) ¹	20,251	1,081	5.1	19,943	862	4.1	20,305	1,378	6.4
Washington (Bogalusa) ¹	14,062	1,108	7.3	14,031	877	5.9	15,292	1,433	8.6
Webster (Minden) ¹	18,890	1,042	5.2	18,520	826	4.3	18,499	1,491	7.5
West Carroll	4,150	389	8.6	4,198	327	7.2	4,270	591	12.2
Winn	5,789	359	5.8	5,664	302	5.1	5,958	473	7.4

The 111,000 workers in all manufacturing earned an average of \$770.32 per week in June 2006. Average weekly hours worked in June were 45.5 and average hourly earnings were \$16.93



AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Louisiana			New Orleans MSA			Baton Rouge MSA			Shreveport-Bossier City MSA		
	JUNE 2006	MAY 2006	JUNE 2005	JUNE 2006	MAY 2006	JUNE 2005	JUNE 2006	MAY 2006	JUNE 2005	JUNE 2006	MAY 2006	JUNE 2005
Average Weekly Earnings \$												
Natural Resources & Mining	902.40	944.79	953.15									
Mining	903.74	943.83	964.16									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	1,334.60	1,334.60	1,486.22									
Support Act for Mining	872.32	909.73	920.04									
Manufacturing	770.32	754.73	748.14	857.79	864.56	919.23	846.03	852.98	853.61			
Durable Goods	747.16	737.14	757.46									
Transportation Equipment	872.69	858.06	833.04	829.55	786.67	657.67				1,162.60	1,217.74	1,228.54
Ship & Boat Building	781.70	745.05	750.92	705.51	683.71	657.67						
Nondurable Goods	796.46	775.06	735.66	857.79	864.56	919.23	1,152.10	1,135.13	1,146.50			
Food Manufacturing	507.65	442.73	424.51									
Paper Manufacturing	1,075.55	1,075.55	832.49									
Petroleum & Coal Products	897.70	897.70	1,101.34									
Chemical Manufacturing	1,279.94	1,272.16	1,241.41	1,412.10	1,412.10	1,473.85	1,572.63	1,542.00	1,561.32			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	1,489.06	1,442.18	1,405.30				1,642.91	1,611.50	1,565.41			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							1,114.86	1,114.86	1,234.53			
Average Weekly Hours												
Natural Resources & Mining	40.0	40.9	46.7									
Mining	39.9	40.7	46.0									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	43.6	43.6	50.5									
Support Act for Mining	39.4	40.2	45.1									
Manufacturing	45.5	43.5	42.8	41.6	40.4	39.0	43.7	43.9	42.3			
Durable Goods	45.2	45.7	44.9									
Transportation Equipment	42.8	42.0	44.5	43.5	43.2	40.2				41.7	40.7	45.3
Ship & Boat Building	42.3	41.3	45.4	40.2	40.1	40.2						
Nondurable Goods	45.8	40.9	40.2	41.6	40.4	39.0	45.7	42.9	42.7			
Food Manufacturing	47.4	39.6	40.2									
Paper Manufacturing	46.4	46.4	41.5									
Petroleum & Coal Products	49.9	49.9	45.1									
Chemical Manufacturing	47.3	44.7	43.3	45.0	45.0	46.7	53.4	50.0	48.7			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	50.7	46.9	43.2				53.1	49.6	48.6			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							47.3	47.3	47.3			
Average Hourly Earnings \$												
Natural Resources & Mining	22.56	23.10	20.41									
Mining	22.65	23.19	20.96									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	30.61	30.61	29.43									
Support Act for Mining	22.14	22.63	20.40									
Manufacturing	16.93	17.35	17.48	20.62	21.40	23.57	19.36	19.43	20.18			
Durable Goods	16.53	16.13	16.87									
Transportation Equipment	20.39	20.43	18.72	19.07	18.21	16.36				27.88	29.92	27.12
Ship & Boat Building	18.48	18.04	16.54	17.55	17.05	16.36						
Nondurable Goods	17.39	18.95	18.30	20.62	21.40	23.57	25.21	26.46	26.85			
Food Manufacturing	10.71	11.18	10.56									
Paper Manufacturing	23.18	23.18	20.06									
Petroleum & Coal Products	17.99	17.99	24.42									
Chemical Manufacturing	27.06	28.46	28.67	31.38	31.38	31.56	29.45	30.84	32.06			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	29.37	30.75	32.53				30.94	32.49	32.21			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							23.57	23.57	26.10			

LOUISIANA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BY CLAIMANT'S PARISH OF RESIDENCE

WEEK ENDING - June 17, 2006

RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED
RLMA 1	352	3,333	RLMA 4	276	2,394	RLMA 7	339	3,610
JEFFERSON	89	1,156	ACADIA	26	171	BIENVILLE	14	84
ORLEANS	96	807	EVANGELINE	7	137	BOSSIER	59	545
PLAQUEMINES	8	43	IBERIA	76	286	CADDO	169	1,789
ST. BERNARD	0	23	LAFAYETTE	69	764	CLAIBORNE	9	75
ST. CHARLES	30	186	ST. LANDRY	34	416	DESOTO	11	142
ST. JAMES	22	201	ST. MARTIN	12	191	LINCOLN	27	287
ST. JOHN	32	365	ST. MARY	34	240	NATCHITOCHE	18	270
ST. TAMMANY	75	552	VERMILION	18	189	RED RIVER	2	58
						SABINE	8	60
RLMA 2	627	4,726	RLMA 5	194	1,416	WEBSTER	22	300
ASCENSION	56	501	ALLEN	16	115			
E. BATON ROUGE	272	2,202	BEAUREGARD	24	154	RLMA 8	234	2,033
EAST FELICIANA	10	80	CALCASIEU	130	1,026	CALDWELL	4	51
IBERVILLE	25	219	CAMERON	4	12	EAST CARROLL	7	100
LIVINGSTON	59	532	JEFF. DAVIS	20	109	FRANKLIN	17	146
POINTE COUPEE	24	127				JACKSON	13	71
ST. HELENA	5	56	RLMA 6	195	1,566	MADISON	4	78
TANGIPAHOA	118	661	AVOYELLES	35	229	MOREHOUSE	43	288
WASHINGTON	31	214	CATAHOULA	5	64	OUACHITA	93	951
W. BATON ROUGE	22	94	CONCORDIA	14	125	RICHLAND	28	140
WEST FELICIANA	5	40	GRANT	15	105	TENSAS	3	39
			LASALLE	4	56	UNION	11	104
RLMA 3	112	715	RAPIDES	84	736	WEST CARROLL	11	65
ASSUMPTION	37	172	VERNON	34	182			
LAFOURCHE	36	287	W INN	4	69			
TERREBONNE	39	256						

RLMA = REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA

THE ABOVE FIGURES INCLUDE REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI), UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS for FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE), and UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS for EX-SERVICE MEMBERS (UCX) DATA ONLY.

THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS FOR DUA (DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE).

Labor Market Questions and Answers!

- ➔ **Where do the nonfarm numbers come from?**
 - Employers selected by random sampling are asked to provide the Louisiana Department of Labor with employment levels for the week of the 12th of the month. The survey results provide data at the state and MSA level for nonfarm jobs. The employment estimates are only as good as the responses received within a two week time period. Therefore, the higher the survey's rate of return, the greater the accuracy of the estimated employment.
- ➔ **Why aren't the construction job counts higher when I see all of the building activity in my area?**
 - Since this is an employer based survey, the jobs are counted in the parish that the employer's payroll is paid. For example, if the company's home office is in Baton Rouge but the job is in Alexandria, then the jobs will be counted in Baton Rouge. There is no separate employer survey for job location vs. business location.
- ➔ **What is the 2006 revision change to the civilian labor force series?**
 - The Bureau of Labor Statistics has eliminated regular revisions to the monthly preliminary estimates. As an example, the preliminary January 2006 data will not be revised with the release of February's civilian labor force estimates. All of the 2006 monthly labor force series will be preliminary until revised in March 2007 as part of the normal annual benchmarking process.
- ➔ **What is the 2006 revision change to the nonfarm employment series?**
 - The major change to the nonfarm employment series is the addition of published cells for the state and some metropolitan statistical areas. For a list of the additional published cells in the 2006 nonfarm employment series go to the Web site www.laworks.net, scroll over the tab at the top of the page for Labor Market Information, click on Publications and Reports, under Labor Market Information select Data Explanations and then select March 2006 – 2006 Changes to Nonfarm and Civilian Labor Force Statistics.

Have a question you would like to have answered? Email us at OOIS@ldol.state.la.us

GLOSSARY & TECHNICAL NOTES

Average Hourly Earnings/Average Weekly Earnings/ Average Weekly Hours (CES/BLS) - average total money earnings, in the survey week (i.e., the week that includes the twelfth of the month), of production workers plus nonsupervisory workers not in production, including overtime, paid vacation and sick leave.

Civilian Labor Force - that portion of the population, age sixteen or older, which is employed or unemployed and actively seeking employment during the reference week of the twelfth of the month.

Employed - the members of the labor force who worked for pay or profit, or had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute, or other reasons not reflecting a shortage of work, or who worked fifteen hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family.

Unemployed - the members of the labor force who did not work but were seeking work or were awaiting recall from layoffs or the beginning of a new job within thirty days.

Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed persons expressed as percentage of the labor force.

Continued Claim - each week claimed subsequent to the filing of the initial claim for a week of unemployment compensation.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) - estimates of nonfarm employment and production workers hours and earnings by industry. They are produced as part of a nationwide program, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), for the state and each metropolitan statistical area (MSA) from a sample of employing establishments.

Current Population Survey (CPS) - a monthly household survey of the U.S. population conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the Bureau of Census, of 56,000 selected households. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information on the employment status of each household member age 16 and over, during the reference week of the twelfth.

Durable Goods - items with a normal life expectancy of three years or more. Automobiles, furniture, household appliances, and mobile homes are examples.

Initial Claims - a new claim, filed to open a claim for unemployment compensation.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) - a geographical area comprised of a parish generally containing a central city (or twin cities) of 50,000 inhabitants or more and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

Micropolitan Statistical Area (MC) - a geographical area comprised of a parish containing a central city of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 inhabitants and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) - an industry classification system that groups establishments into industries based on the activities in which they are primarily engaged.

Nonfarm Employment - employment by place of work that does not include the self employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, or agriculture workers. All estimates of nonfarm employment in this publication are in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the twelfth of the month.

Nondurable Goods - items that generally last for only a short period of time (less than three years). Food, beverages, apparel, and gasoline are common examples.

Seasonally Adjusted - monthly data that is adjusted to minimize the changes in any time series which result from normal annual occurrences such as Christmas, summer vacations, and weather patterns.

Subsector - refers to the three-digit NAICS code, which will fall under the particular sector. Example: If Manufacturing (31-33) is the industry sector, then Food manufacturing (311), Paper manufacturing (322), Chemical manufacturing (325), Transportation equipment manufacturing (336), are some of the subsectors of manufacturing.

Supersector - refers to these five categories: Total Nonfarm, Total Private, Goods Producing, Service Providing, and Private Service Providing.

Summary Industry Sector - a combination of industry sectors. A summary sector may or may not be published. The summary industry sectors are Natural Resources & Mining; Natural Resources & Mining & Construction; Construction; Manufacturing; Trade, Transportation, & Utilities; Information; Financial Activities; Professional & Business Services; Educational & Health Services; Leisure & Hospitality; Other Services; and Government.

Industry Sector - 20 industry sectors based on two-digit NAICS code. They are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (11), Mining (21), Utilities (22), Construction (23), Manufacturing (31-33), Wholesale Trade (42), Retail Trade (44-45), Transportation and Warehousing (48-49), Information (51), Finance and Insurance (52), Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53), Professional and Technical Services (54), Management of Companies and Enterprises (55), Administrative and Waste Services (56), Educational Services (61), Health Care and Social Assistance (62), Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (71), Accommodation and Food Services (72), Other Services (81), and Public Administration (92).

Constraints of the monthly civilian labor force and nonfarm employment estimates:

The civilian labor force estimates are derived by a monthly survey of approximately 750 households throughout Louisiana following the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology. The US Census Bureau conducts the survey by calling randomly selected households and providing BLS with survey results. Households are asked for the number of residents who are sixteen and over and whether they were working or actively looking for work during the week of the twelfth of the month. Responses to these questions become part of the formula to determine the number of people employed and the number of individuals unemployed for the state, MSAs, and each parish every month.

The nonfarm employment estimates are derived from responses received from the monthly BLS survey of 2,757 businesses across the state surveyed directly by this agency, and an additional 2,500 businesses that respond directly to BLS with their employment data. Responses capture employment activity during the twelfth of each month. This survey relies on responses from these businesses to produce industry employment levels for the state and all metropolitan statistical areas.

Both data sets are comparable with estimates for the U.S., all 50 states, and 270 metropolitan areas across the U.S.



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